GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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MASHALKAR COMMITTEE REPORT ON AUTO FUEL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mashalkar Committee constituted for review of Auto Fuel Policy has in its report protested against the use of gas fuels such as LPG and CNG in transport sector and cautioned the Government over excess dependence over such fuels;

(b) if so, whether the committee has stressed the liquid fuels of specific qualities as those main auto fuels in the country;

(c) if so, whether the Government has considered the report of Mashalkar Committee; and

(d) if so, the full details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MI OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): No, Sir.

The Mashelkar Committee has made the following recommendation:-

`The twin objectives of providing assured supply of auto fuels at minimal costs and meeting the environmental concerns should be achieved by making available:

(i) liquid fuels of the specified quality as main auto fuels throughout the country; and

(ii) alternative auto fuels, along with liquid auto fuels, in cities having high vehicular pollution to enable the vehicle owners to meet the prescribed emission norms in such cities by choosing appropriate combination of fuel and engine technology`.

(c)&(d): The Report of the Mashelkar Committee was received by the Government on 25th September, 2002.The Government invited suggestions on the recommendations from all concerned by 31st October, 2002. No final decision on the recommendations of the Committee has been taken as yet.